

Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Parliamentary Law Month

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians (HSAP) reminds us that parliamentary law originated in Athens nearly 3,000 years ago, was refined by the English during the last 1,000 years, and was made a part of the United States Constitution in 1789; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians raises awareness that the five principles of parliamentary law are orderly procedure, equality of all members, justice for all, right of the minority to be heard on questions, and majority rule; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians highlights that the rules of parliamentary law are based on a regard for the rights; of the majority, of the minority, especially a strong minority - greater than one-third, of individual members, of absentees, and, of all these together; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians is a constituent division of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) and represents parliamentarians in the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians recognizes that the current reference for parliamentary procedure is "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised," 11th Edition, dated 2011, released to the public on September 27, 2011; and


WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians recently assisted in the publication of "Na Lula Halawai-A Parliamentary Guide to Conducting Meetings in Hawaiian" by William J. Puette and Richard Keaoopuaokalani NeSmith; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2014, as

"PARLIAMENTARY LAW MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the contributions of the HSAP in enriching the grounds for civic and legislative discourse in both of the state's official languages of Hawaiian and English.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of April, 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i